

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. OSCA, 121 Alameda

The December 14, 2005 meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Co-Chairs Micki Knudsen and Les Balty.

Agenda Items

Direction/Vision for the Division of Personnel - Chester White, OA

Mr. White gave an overview of the future direction for the OA Division of Personnel. He has met with department heads, division heads, and personnel. Some of the items that need to be looked at and possibly changed are the layoff process and the examination system. Emphasis will placed on meeting the needs of customers. As changes are considered, they will be communicated with explanations for why they are happening, input will be sought and the Division will work with various groups, including SHRMC.

MOSERS Aged Accounts - New online version - JoAnn Looten, MOSERS*

JoAnn provided a presentation on the electronic aged accounts reports. This report notifies agencies when errors occur with payroll. This online version will take effect immediately.

Employee Relations with the National Guard/Reserves – Rich Grant, ESGR*

Rich gave an overview of the purpose of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

SAM II Update – Vandee DeVore, OA

An upgrade to the SAM II HR system is scheduled for January 9, 2006. There will be changes to the Desktop and to the SAM II HR Data Warehouse. Also the calendar year end updates will be loaded around December 29.

NOTE: Attached below are two different e-mails that Vandee sent on January 3, 2006, regarding the items above.

OA Update - Gary Fogelbach, OA

The Personnel Advisory Board will have a hearing on three rule changes on January 10, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 400 of the Truman Building. These rule changes are primarily "cosmetic" in nature and either provide clarification or are being changed in accordance with recent statutory changes.

To provide a forum to State human resource managers for coordinating, reviewing, and recommending effective statewide human management systems; and to enhance the climate for motivation and development of State government human resources to best serve the citizens of Missouri.

Other Announcements

Dan Ross, OA, attended the meeting to address issues concerning the electronic employee directory. He has asked for volunteers to be placed on a project team to address improvements to the electronic directory and other potential issues. If you are interested in being on the project team, please let Les or Micki know as soon as possible.

Micki reminded everyone that the January SHRMC meeting will be back at MoDOT, 1320 Creek Trail Drive, Conference Room I70. This meeting is the same day as the statewide Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. The meeting should end early in case anyone would like to attend the celebration.

Next SHRMC Meeting: January 11, 2006, 8:30 a.m.

Location: MoDOT, 1320 Creek Trail Drive, Conference Room I-70

Meeting adjourned.

*THE HANDOUTS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR THIS TOPIC ARE BELOW.

Missouri State Employees Retirement System

Electronic Aged Accounts Report

JoAnn Looten, Records Manager Stacy Gillmore, Manager of Information Technology

The Good Ol' Days

- Hard Copy Aged Accounts Report (AAR)
- The AAR was printed 3 times in-house
- It took 5 days for our staff to process the report
- Hand written notes on report
- Instructions/reports were attached by memo
- Loss of time as a result of mail and interagency deliver

New and Improved!

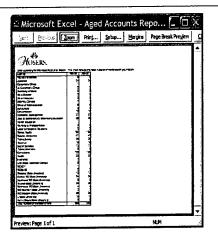
- Everyone with secure employer access can view the report
- Instant delivery
- You view/print the report when you're ready
- You will receive the report sooner
- More time will be available to work the report before payroll goes down

How Does it Work?

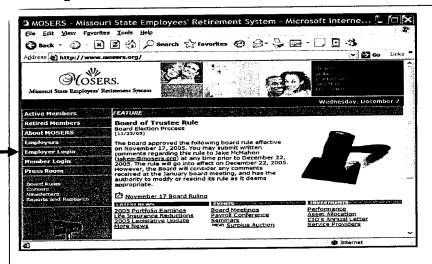
- MOSERS works the report electronically
- We post the report on the secure site
- An HR Update will be sent to employers stating the AAR is now available
- Employers will go to <u>www.mosers.org</u>, click on "Employer Login" and sign on to site
- Click your name and view the report
- Work the report the same as always

What Do I Need to Know About the HR Update?

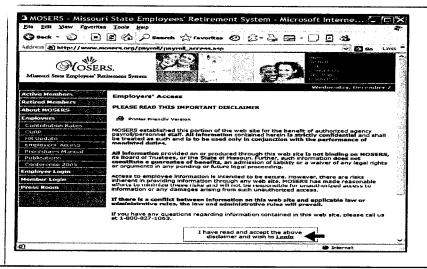
- Your HR Update will include the following:
 - Notification the report is ready
 - Instructions on retrieving the report
 - Statewide error listing



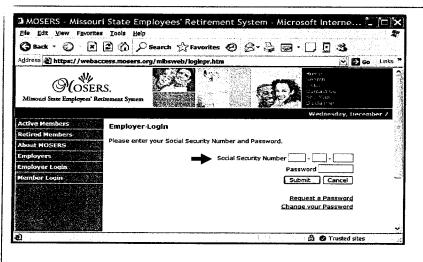
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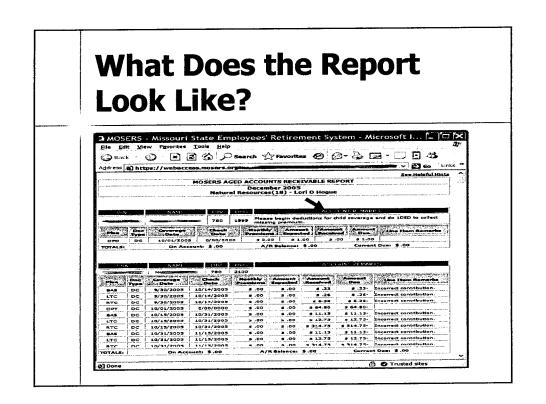


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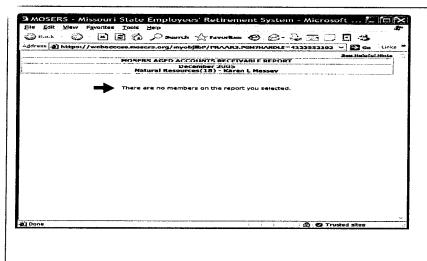


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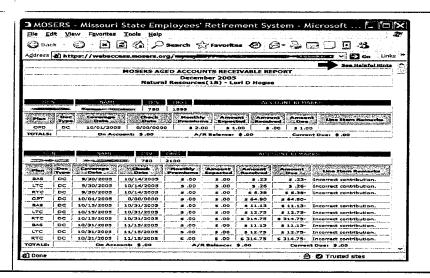




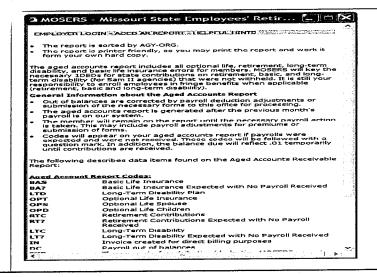
What if I Don't Have Any Errors on My Report?



What is in the Helpful Hints?



What is in the Helpful Hints?



Important Reminders!

- Notify MOSERS if you transfer employees to new org numbers
- Notify MOSERS if you change who's responsible for working the report
- The AAR will be available on-line until MOSERS begins the next month's report
- Call JoAnn Looten at 573-632-6180 or 800-827-1063 x6180 for any questions, concerns or recommendations

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USERRA, Revised Missouri Statutes and ESGR



The Importance of State Agency Support of the Guard and Reserve

Developed by:
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Missouri Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (MC-ESGR)





Agenda



- **ESGR**
- Importance of Employer Relations
- Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)
- Applicable State Laws (RsMO)
- Awards Programs

















YOUR RIGHTS UNDER USERRA THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT

USERIAL protects the job rights of includends who undertarily or imministarily have employment positions to undertake military service.

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- 6 you have not been expended from service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than tomorable conditions.

If you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job and benefits you would have attained if you had not been absent due to military service at in some cases, a comparable job.

RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION

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REALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION

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ENFORCEMENT

- It The U.S. Department of Labor, Vaserans Employment and Training Service TVETE) is authorized to Investigate and repolve complaints of USERRA wolstons.
- b For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on USBRPA. Contact VETS at 14664 ASSA Bit or visit for enable to at the pyternes and generalists. An international discrete Assaults of can be revised at http://www.ed.doi.gov.toms/biovratibits.
- If you file a complaint with VETS and VETS is unable to nearlie it, you may requise that your case or referred to the Department of Justice in the Office of Special Councel, departing on the amolisms, for representation.
- We may also bypass the VETS process and bring a stell action against an employer for volations of USERRA.

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Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve





ESGR



Overview

- A DoD agency established in 1972 by Presidential decree
- Mission is to gain and maintain support from all public and private employers
- Provide education, consultation and if necessary, mediation to employers and Reserve Component members





ESGR



Structure

- National Defense Advisory Board (OSD-RA)
 - Provides guidance, direction and oversight
- National Committee/Staff (Arlington, VA)
 - Develops programs and services and provides support to the State Committees
- State Committees
 - Implements programs, over 3,500 volunteers in every State, Territory and Europe





ESGR



Programs and Services

- Employer Awards
- Statement of Support Program
- Reserve/Guard unit employer outreach
- Increase awareness as a sponsor of employer visits to military sites.
- Ombudsman Program
- Military Liaison Program





Importance of Employer Relations



Impacts Recruiting and Retention

- Reserve components comprise nearly <u>50 percent</u> of the total military force.
- Job related conflicts are a top reason people won't join or will leave the Reserve Component
- Increased deployments and use of the Reserve Components causes strain on employers
- Good employer relations helps to educate employers, build partnerships and reduce conflicts

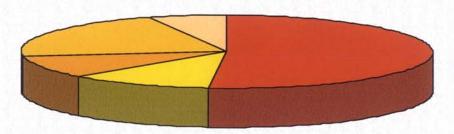




Importance of Employer Relations



- Small, Mid-Size Businesses 51%
 - State and Local Governments 12%
 - Federal Government 10%
 - Other 21%
 - Self Employed 6%



Nearly half of all Guard and Reserve Members work for companies of 1,000 or fewer employees





Importance of Employer Relations



Missouri is home to over

28,000

Reserve Component Members (June 2005)





Ombudsman Services



- The Ombudsmen Services Program was established in 1974 to provide information, counseling, and informal mediation of issues relating to compliance with USERRA.
- The Ombudsmen Services Program provides information, informal mediation, and referral service to resolve employer conflicts.
- ESGR is not an enforcement agency and does not offer legal counsel.
- More than 95 percent of all requests for assistance are resolved in this informal process, without requiring referral to the Department of Labor for formal investigation.





USERRA



Overview

- Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (Title 38, Chapter 43, United States Code)
- Provides employment and reemployment rights for service members. DOL is enforcement agency
- Applies to all members of the uniformed services in a federally funded status
- Does not apply to Guardmembers on State active duty, selfemployed individuals, partners or students





USERRA



Protection Against Discrimination

- Applies to past and current members and those who apply to be a member of a uniformed service
- Includes discrimination regarding employment, reemployment, termination, promotion and benefits
- Burden of proof is on the employer if military service is a motivating factor in terminations





USERRA



Service Member Rights

- Military leave of absence
- Prompt reinstatement back into position
- Accumulation of seniority as if individual never left
- Receive all pay and cost of living raises
- Immediate reinstatement of health insurance
- Training or retraining of skills as necessary
- Protection against discharge





Service Member Rights While on State Emergency Duty (SED)



RSMo 40.490 Only applies to members of the National Guard

40.490. Members of the state military forces of this state who are ordered to active state duty by the governor shall, upon being relieved from such duty, be entitled to the same reemployment rights provided by Title 38 of the United States Code, the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and all amendments thereto. The attorney general shall enforce the reemployment rights contained in this section for members of the state military forces who are ordered to active state duty by the governor.





Missouri Revised Statutes



Which Affect Reserve Component Members Employed by Missouri's State Agencies

Chapter 105 Public Officers and Employees-Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 105.270

August 28, 2004





RSMo 105,270



1. All officers and employees of this state, or of any department or agency thereof, or of any county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision, and all other public employees of this state who are or may become members of the national guard or of any reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, shall be entitled to leave of absence from their respective duties, without loss of time, pay, regular leave, impairment of efficiency rating, or of any other rights or benefits, to which otherwise entitled, for all periods of military services during which they are engaged in the performance of duty or training in the service of this state at the call of the governor and as ordered by the adjutant general without regard to length of time, and for all periods of military services during which they are engaged in the performance of duty in the service of the United States under competent orders for a period not to exceed a total of one hundred twenty hours in any federal fiscal year





RSMo 105.270



2. Before any payment of salary is made covering the period of the leave the officer or the employee shall file with the appointing authority or supervising agency an official order from the appropriate military authority as evidence of such duty for which military leave pay is granted which order shall contain the certification of the officer or employee's commanding officer of performance of duty in accordance with the terms of such order.





RSMo 105,270



3. No member of the organized militia shall be discharged from employment by any of the aforementioned agencies because of being a member of the organized militia, nor shall he be hindered or prevented from performing any militia service he may be called upon to perform by proper authority nor otherwise be discriminated against or dissuaded from enlisting or continuing his service in the militia by threat or injury to him in respect to his employment. Any officer or agent of the aforementioned agencies violating any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.





Drilling Reservists FAQ



- Do I have to work on my day off? Employer Schedules my days off on drill weekends.
- Do I have to find my own replacement for days I am gone for drill?
- Do I have to use vacation days or compensatory time for military leave?
- Does USERRA apply to voluntary service?





Drilling Reservists FAQ



- Can an employer ask me if I am in the Guard or Reserves on an employment application?
- I think I got fired for being in the Reserves.
 What should I do?

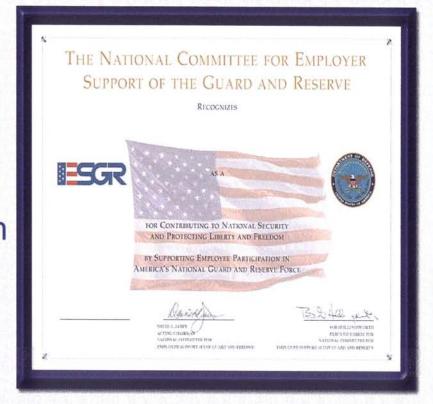






Patriot Award

- Awarded to an employer who has been supportive of the Guard and Reserve
- Award is comprised of a DoD certificate and a lapel pin
- RC members can nominate their employer for this award on line at www.esgr.org





THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE

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FOR CONTRIBUTING TO NATIONAL SECURITY
AND PROTECTING LIBERTY AND FREEDOM

BY SUPPORTING EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION IN AMERICA'S NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE FORCE

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Above and Beyond Award

Awarded by the State Committee to employers who go 'above and beyond' the requirements of the law to support Guardsman and Reservists

Pro Patria Award

Awarded annually by the State Committee to the most supportive employer in the State/Territory







Freedom Award

Awarded by the Secretary of Defense to the top 15 employers nationwide

Categories include; small companies, large companies and government/municipal









2005 Freedom Award Winners

Alticor, Incorporated Citizens Financial Group

Eaton Corporation

Enterprise Rent-a-Car

IDACORP

Los Angeles Police Department

Louisiana Dept of Public Safety & Corrections Baton Rouge, LA

Pioneer Financial Services

Ryland Homes

Sears, Roebuck and Company

South Dakota State University

State of Delaware

Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc.

USAA

Wachovia Corporation

Ada, Michigan

Providence, Rhode Island

Cleveland, Ohio

St. Louis, Missouri

Boise, Idaho

Los Angeles, California

Kansas City, Missouri

Calabasas, California

Hoffman Estates, Illinois

Brookings, South Dakota

Dover, Delaware

Torrance, California

San Antonio, Texas

Charlotte, North Carolina





Statement of Support



- A statement signed by the employer/agency indicating their support for the Guard and Reserve
- Form available on line at www.esgr.mil







Statement of Support



Five Levels

* 1st Star: Sign Statement Of Support

** 2nd Star: Review HR Policies

*** 3rd Star: Train HR Managers

**** 4th Star: Go Above and Beyond

***** 5th Star: Become an ESGR Advocate

Our goal is to help all employers of RC Members achieve Five Star status!





Contact Info



- Web Site: www.esgr.org (.com/.mil)
- Phone: 1-800-336-4590
- Email: rich.grant@mo.ngb.army.mil
- In Missouri (573) 638-9500 ex. 7730 *Mr. Richard Grant*



From: owner-samii-hr@mail.mo.gov [mailto:owner-samii-hr@mail.mo.gov] On

Behalf Of SAMII HR

Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 12:48 PM

To: samii-hr@mail.mo.gov

Subject: Desktop Upgrade Reminder

The SAMII HR system and the SAMII HR Data Warehouse will not be available on Saturday morning, January 7th. An upgrade to the SAM II HR system is scheduled for January 9, 2006.

A complete list of the changes associated with the upgrade is available for review on the SAM II web site under HR Scheduled Upgrades http://www.missouri.gov/mo/samii/hr/hrupgrades/.

The upgrade requires a new desktop installation. The IT staff at your agency can access the desktop update from the SAM II Technical Web Site at http://www.oa.state.mo.us/itsd/samii/samii.html . The update should be installed after close of business on Friday, January 7th and before start of business on Tuesday, January 10th.

The database changes to both the SAMII HR Advantage System & the HR Data Warehouse will be made on Saturday morning, January 7th. Preliminary payroll will be run on Saturday night which will create interface files.

Due to regularly scheduled payroll processing, the HR system will not be available to agencies on Monday, January 9th. The system will be available on Tuesday morning as usual. On Tuesday, when you log on, ensure that the correct build date appears on the log in screen (Version 2.3.2 Build Date 1/9/2006).

If you have any questions regarding the installation of the new desktop, please have your technical coordinator contact the HR Technical Help Desk at 522-1500 (option 2) or e-mail HR Support@oa.mo.gov .

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----Original Message----

From: owner-samii-hr@mail.mo.gov [mailto:owner-samii-hr@mail.mo.gov] On

Behalf Of SAMII HR

Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 9:18 AM

To: samii-hr@mail.mo.gov Subject: 2006 Deduction Loads

The following year end loads have been completed. Please note the following instructions for entering transactions for the remainder of 2006.

Additional notices will be sent in November of 2006 for instructions on transitioning into 2007.

Please print this for your 2006 use.

HEALTH CARE----The health care codes for 2006 are loaded. Please see http://www.state.mo.us/mo/samii/hr/hrp&p/Ded_Ben_Cds_WEBCOPY122305.xls for updated codes. This website list is updated when necessary, so please verify codes directly from the site. In 2006, when entering a new employee's ENRL for health care, use the employee's start date as the effective date. Use

11/30/06 as the expiration date. ***NEVER use 99/99/99 as the expiration date for a health care ENRL***. Because you made some ENRL entries in December, and then MCHCP data was loaded---there may be double deductions from some employees in error. If this should occur, refund requests should go through the normal process, and ENRL corrections should be made by the agency.

STATE SPONSORED DENTAL AND VISION-----In 2006, when entering a new employee's ENRL for dental of vision, use the employee's start date as the effective date. Use 12/15/06 as the expiration date. ***NEVER use 99/99/99 as the expiration date for a state sponsored dental or vision ENRL.***

CAFETERIA PLAN DEDUCTIONS-----Cafeteria plan deductions, including the administration fee, follow the calendar year agreements. Therefore any Cafeteria Plan MISC deduction should use 12/15/06 as the expiration date so the last deduction will come from the 12/31 check. This includes CPFLX, CP DC, and ADMFE. Also, changes to health care, state sponsored dental, state sponsored vision, flex med, and dependent care should be approved by ASI prior to making the change in SAMII HR. ***NEVER use 99/99/99 as the expiration date for any cafeteria plan MISC except as noted below for voluntary products.***

VOLUNTARY PRODUCTS ELECTED UNDER CAFETERIA PLAN-----If an employee elected to have qualified voluntary products pre-taxed under the cafeteria plan, then the MISC code has been changed to a "2" if they were previously entered as a "1". These have been loaded with 99/99/99 expiration dates so we can better identify any cancellation at year end. ***Please note that these products must follow the cafeteria plan guidelines and ANY change or cancellation requests must be approved by ASI prior to making the change in the system.***

CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN-----MSECC deductions also follow calendar year

contracts. Effective date of 12/16/05 and expiration date of 12/15/06 were used for the automated load. ***NEVER use 99/99/99 as the expiration date for charitable campaign deductions on MISC.***

GROUP TERM LIFE > \$50,000----GTLIF codes will be loaded later this week for 2006. Please see

http://www.state.mo.us/mo/samii/hr/bulletins/jdlifeinsurance.pdf if you have questions about entering GTLIF deductions in mid year. These are also calendar year based, so expiration dates of 12/15/06 should be used.

OPTIONAL LIFE INSURANCE-----Some premiums will change in January 2006 due to an increase/decrease in premium rate, because of changes in annual salary, change in age bracket, change in coverage election, or a combination of these reasons. These will be loaded in mid January by OA from information we receive from MOSERS. Since these premiums are paid concurrent with the pay period, the employees' January 31, 2006 paycheck will reflect the new premium amount.

The Calendar Year End memo that is posted to the SAMII HR Bulletins and Customer Service web page is also a valuable tool for calendar year end, W2, W4, EIC questions.

http://www.state.mo.us/mo/samii/hr/bulletins/CYE2005_111705.pdf

As always, I am happy to help you. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have doubts or questions about how to process an entry.

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